

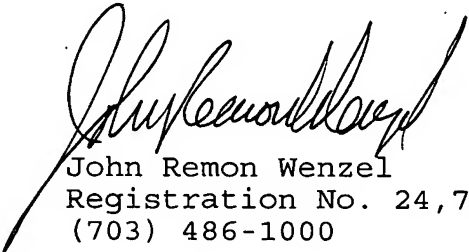
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REMARKS

By the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended method Claims 10 and 11 to delete apparatus phraseology and add method phraseology, and has amended apparatus Claims 26 and 32 to delete method phraseology and add apparatus phraseology in the interests of consistency. Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-50 will remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 18, 35, 43 are independent claims. No new matter is involved by the present revisions to the claims. Accordingly, entry of the present amendment prior to formal examination on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

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